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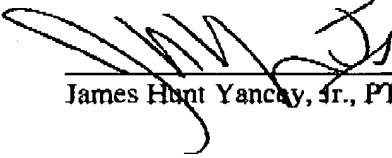
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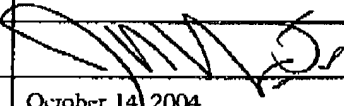
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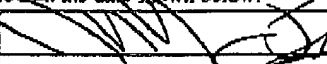
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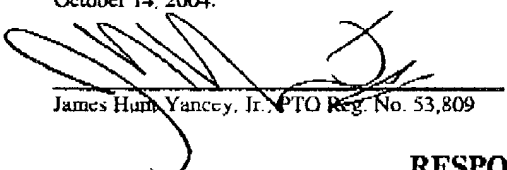
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In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, to which a Response is due on October 28, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits early and favorable consideration.